

CP Gifts Continue Increase

NASHVILLE (BP) — Contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program continued to increase during the month of July, bringing total gifts through the unified budget to \$16,369,361 for the first seven months of 1969.

The \$16.3 million total is \$1 million more than was contributed during the same period of 1968, or an increase of 6.76 per cent.

In addition to the \$16.3 million in Cooperative Program contributions, Southern Baptists also gave \$20.9 million during the first seven months to designated specific missions causes, mostly foreign and home missions.

The grand total, both designated and Cooperative Program contributions to Southern Baptist causes, was nearly \$37.3 million, up \$1.89 million from grant total gifts for the same period last year. It is an increase of 5.36 per cent in grand total SBC mission gifts.

Of the \$37.3 million total, nearly \$24½ million has gone to support Southern Baptist foreign mission efforts in 70 countries through the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has received \$8 million to date in both Cooperative Program and designated gifts. Six SBC-owned and operated seminaries have received \$3.1 million.

The Cooperative Program distributes funds, on a convention - adopted budget, to 19 agencies of the convention.

Amounts reflected in the monthly report on Cooperative Program and designated mission gifts prepared by the SBC Executive Committee here do not include funds given to support local and state-wide Baptist mission efforts, but only Southern Baptist Convention programs.

Arizona Acts To Save College

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — Grand Canyon College, owned and operated by the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, must raise \$125,000 in the next 90 days or face possible closure, a joint meeting of the college's trustees and Executive Board of the Arizona convention was told here.

In response, the convention's Executive Board approved an immediate \$140,000 fund campaign among Southern Baptist churches in Arizona to try to save the school.

Grand Canyon College President Arthur K. Tyson outlined to the board the college's financial plight, caused by a lack of operating funds.

The school needs \$50,000 immediately to meet faculty payrolls due between now and Sept. 5; \$11,000 to pay for utilities already owed (in some cases as much as six months in arrears); \$15,000 to pay book suppliers of the college's bookstore in overdue bills; and at least another \$50,000 to pay miscellaneous back bills owed to scores of suppliers, according to Tyson.

The college president added that many of the creditors have refused to make additional shipments of supplies until outstanding accounts are brought current.

Tyson said that the school did not operate in the black for the first 15 years of its 20 year history. He also cited a limited endowment, and said that the support from Arizona churches was relatively small because of the size of the convention.

Pryor Receives Award Of Appreciation



SEVERAL OF THOSE PRESENT at presentation of plaque to Mr. Pryor were, from left: W. R. Roberts, Jackson, state representative of Annuity Board; Mr. Pryor; Dr. Frank Groner, administrator of Memorial Hospital; Harvey T. Hedgepeth, chairman of trustees of Mississippi Hospital, and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, state Baptist executive secretary.

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Results Can't Be Measured

Crusade Of The Americas

By Jim Newton
Written for Baptist Press

With the climactic year of the Crusade of the Americas more than half gone, top leaders of the hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort are searching for ways to evaluate the results so far, and almost all agree it's an impossible assignment.

The effect and results of the Crusade of the Americas cannot be measured, statistically or otherwise — on this almost all those involved in the crusade agree. But almost all also agree that in their opinion, the crusade is a success.

"The results will be known only in eternity," observed Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, president of the Crusade of the Americas who first proposed the campaign that involves 24 million Baptists in 32 countries of

North, Central and South America. "You cannot measure the crusade by numbers or statistics," said Lopes in a recent interview. "The Crusade of the Americas is not statistics—it is a revolution in our methods of evangelism."

Blessing For Little Countries
Lopes said that he felt the crusade was especially a "blessing for the little countries, especially those in South America, Central America and the Caribbean."

He used the word "a miracle" to describe the effect on Baptist people and work in such countries as Paraguay, Venezuela, Colombia, Mexico, Jamaica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay, and Peru.

Lopes was reluctant to try to evaluate the crusade's effectiveness in

North America, but hinted that he felt the response had been greater in South and Central America. "In the USA, I don't know. But in South America, it is a miracle."

He added, however, that there may never be a way to numerically or statistically test the results of the crusade, because Baptists in South America where results have been greatest do not keep accurate statistics. "In Brazil, people feel allergic to statistics," he quipped, adding that most other South American churches don't believe in statistics and don't turn them in.

While statistics may not ever be available, Lopes and leaders of the crusade in the United States each had firm opinions on the crusade's less tangible effect on Baptist life and work.

Lopes said that the principal result of the crusade has been the integration of Baptist people across racial and denominational and regional lines. He cited especially the way Negro and white Baptists have worked together, and the involvement of different Baptist groups working together on the common task of evangelism.

Baptist Cooperation

The crusade also represents a Pan American cooperation at its best, Lopes said. Never before have Baptists in different countries felt so much a part of one great movement of God, he said.

The North American coordinator for the crusade, Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, observed that the crusade has become a historical landmark for Baptists, because it has drawn Baptists of 48 different conventions together in a new kind of Baptist ecumenicity.

Dehoney also said that the crusade has brought Baptist leaders from different countries together and provided a forum for cross fertilization and expanded concepts, especially among laymen who attended the laymen's congress in Rio de Janeiro and the pastors' meeting in Nashville recently. It also has provided a hemispheric structure for lay cooperation through the Pan American Union of Baptist Men, Dehoney said.

The Louisville pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church added that while most Baptists in America do not see this, one of the major results of the crusade has been to give encouragement and a feeling of being (Continued on page 3)

7,129 Decisions In The Ohio Crusades

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — The Crusade of the Americas came to a climax in Ohio and Western New York and Pennsylvania with a total of 7,129 decisions reported following central crusades in 11 cities and local church revivals in 381 Baptist churches.

It was the largest simultaneous evangelistic effort undertaken by the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, which was assisted in the crusades by sister Baptist state conventions in Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and Texas.

Reports of Mississippi participants are found on page 5.

In planning for two years, the crusades included such preparation as Sunday School enlargement campaigns, community surveys, house-to-house visitation, television and newspaper advertising, and distribution of 750,000 scripture portions entitled "Good News by a Man Named John," an illustrated book of the Gospel of John in Today's English Version by the American Bible Society.

Several American and National Baptist congregations joined the Southern Baptist churches of Ohio to participate in the crusades.

The 11 central crusades, were held in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Hamilton, Piqua, Toledo, and Niles (Youngstown area) in Ohio; in Buffalo, N. Y., and in Pittsburgh, Penn.

During the 11 central crusades, 1,363 persons were reported making professions of faith, with another 1,025 persons making decisions to rededicate their life. Attendance at the crusades were reported at 149,274.

Most of the central crusades were assisted financially by state Baptist conventions in the South.

Tennessee Baptists sponsored the Hamilton and Cincinnati crusades. Kentucky assumed responsibility for Toledo and Piqua. Alabama undergirded the Pittsburgh Crusade. Florida helped at Cleveland and Buffalo. Assistance for other cities came from Baptists in Mississippi, Georgia and Texas.

The 11 central crusades were followed by revivals in 381 local churches and missions, with a total of 1,536 professions of faith, 373 transfers of church membership, and 3,182 rededications, commitments of life service,

and pledges to live more consistently with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Of the 5,091 total decisions reported, 1 in the local church revivals, 239 of those who made professions of faith and 91 who made other decisions reported that they made their initial decision in the central crusades.

About 2,000 Baptists from Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas assisted the local churches in their revival efforts as a part of the crusade.

The visiting Baptists from other states included pastors, song leaders, choral groups and other laymen who came to bolster the revivals through personal witnessing and visitation. All came at either their own expense or at the expense of their home church.

Total cost of the crusade effort was estimated at \$200,000. Cost of the central crusades ran more than \$100,000 and was financed partly by the Ohio convention, the sponsoring state conventions, churches and district associations in the Ohio convention, and by public offerings at the crusade meetings.

Some of the top evangelists in the Southern Baptist Convention, plus well-known sports and entertainers (Continued on page 2)

Proposed Bill

Church Unrelated Income Is Taxable

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — Tax exemption on church income derived from businesses unrelated to religion will be abolished if the U. S. Senate agrees to a provision in the 1969 tax reform bill passed by the House of Representatives here.

The termination of such exemption is among the provisions in the 94-page measure overwhelmingly voted, 364 to 30, by the House. It came as no surprise.

In an unprecedented action, the General Board of the National Council of Churches and the U. S. Roman Catholic hierarchy joined last May in asking the House Ways and Means Committee to tax income from related church business.

The aim of the request was to stop churches from operating trades or business with a tax advantage and which compete with tax paying firms.

While similar exemptions for most non-profit organizations were ended in 1951, churches, fraternal beneficial associations, social clubs and civic leagues continued to be untaxed.

The extent of the operations which will be affected was not known since there has never been a thorough tabulation of church-owned, profit-making enterprises. It is known that churches owned such things as hotels, resorts, manufacturing firms, broadcast facilities, service stations, parking lots and food processing installations.

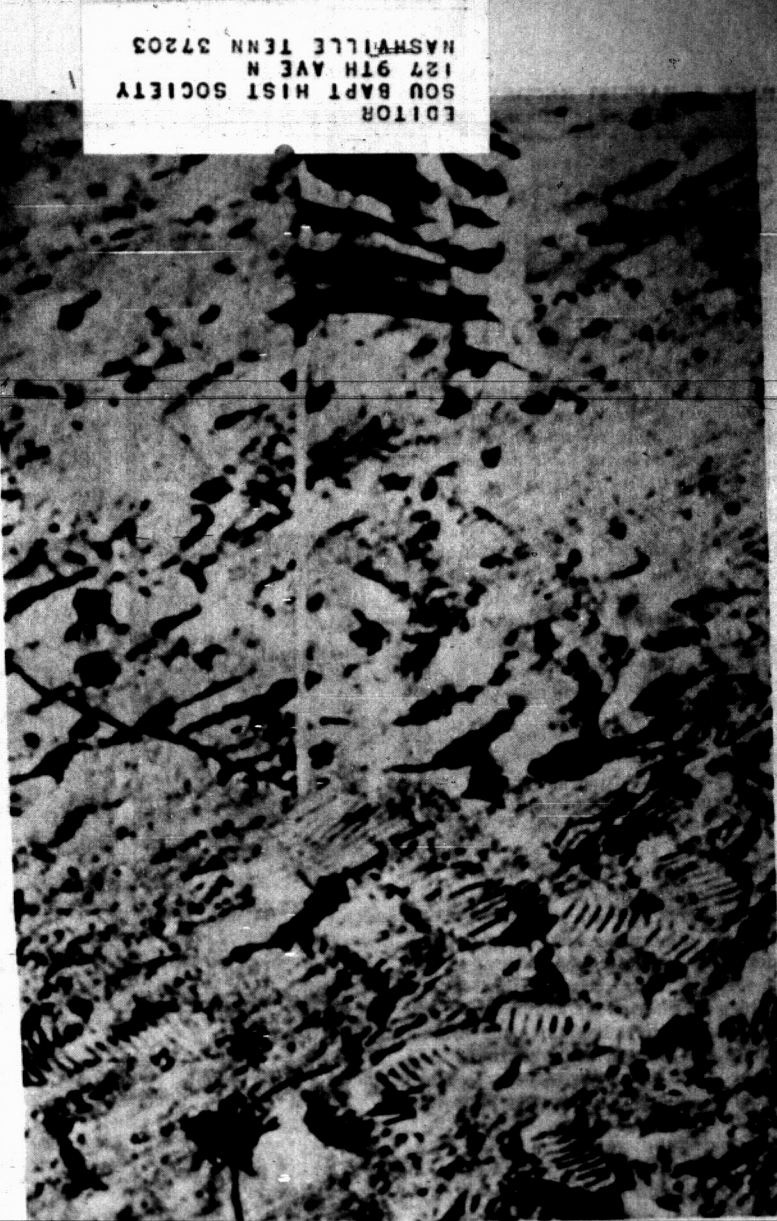
Some churches also have become involved in a lease-back set-up: a business is purchased on credit, and leased to an operator for five or less years; profits are received as rent and used to pay the purchase price. This practice was opposed by the National Council and the Catholic bishops.

On the same day the House passed the tax bill, a measure to collect state corporation taxes from churches and religious organizations on unrelated business income cleared the California legislature.

Under the California action, churches would be subject to the seven per cent tax levied on net business incomes. Governor Ronald Reagan was expected to sign the bill. Untaxed would be income from church-related activities. It would go into effect next January.

The House of Representatives' bill in Washington was seen as the most thorough tax reform in history. It was set to come before the Senate in the Fall.

Also possibly affecting religious organizations were provisions for taxing private foundations on net investment. Foundations would be required



Moon's Lonely Sentinel

TRANQUILITY BASE, The Moon—The United States flag stands at Tranquility Base on the Moon amid the footprints made by United States Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin. The banner was planted July 21 when the two men became the first human beings to walk on the lunar surface—(RNS Photo)

Meditation On Moon Walk

By J. Clark Hensley
Executive Director
Christian Action Commission

"The Heavens declare His righteousness and all the people see His glory." Ps. 97:6

In the growing up days of the "past 30" generation, an expression that stretched the imagination to the impossible feat was "the cow jumped over the moon." Dehoney taught that the moon controlled the tides. Superstition had it that the moon changes caused mental disease—hence the name "lunatic." Poets penned sonnets and musicians composed songs and speculations were made as to the "man in the moon." Now, we have men on the moon.

In the Judeo-Christian concept, we believe that God created man to have

dominion over the rest of God's creation. We are aware that in "subduing the earth" man has his limitations. Today we have been primarily concerned about the safety of the men and the success of the mission. Prayerfully we watch and hope for their safe return to the families.

Dangers

There are other dangers inherent in this moon mission. Instead of saying "What hath God wrought" many will exclaim "Look what man has done — he can do anything." Thus we may bow with the cult of scientism, worshipping science and technology. Some of us remember the advent of the nuclear age. While there have been many benefits, we live in fear that the fuel of today may be the fire and fall-out of tomorrow.

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Series Four Pastor-Deacon Retreats Set For State

A series of four Baptist Pastor-Deacon retreats will be held in the state Sept. 1-12, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

Theriman V. Bryant, associate in the department, will direct the meetings.

The schedule for the retreats follows: Holmes State Park, Durant, Sept. 1-2; Paul Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg, Sept. 4-5; Wall Dooey State Park, Holly Springs, Sept. 8-9; and Roosevelt State Park, Morton, Sept. 11-12.

Bible teachers for the four meetings will be: Holmes State Park, Dr. E. R. Pinson, professor of Bible, Mississippi College; Paul B. Johnson, Dr. Don H. Stewart, chairman of the department of religion and philosophy, and Dr. Joel D. Ray, professor of religious education, Carey College; Wall Dooey, Dr. James L. Travis, profes-

sor of Bible at Blue Mountain College; Roosevelt, Dr. John F. Carter, professor of Bible at Clarke College, and Dr. Charles Melton, professor of religious education at Clarke College.

Several speakers this year will give special emphasis to deacon-pastor relationships and cooperative efforts. These will include:

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary; Dr. David Dunavent, physician of Memphis; Dr. S. A. Moorhead, Dean of the School of Education, University of Mississippi, and Dr. Russell Bush, layman of Columbia.

Several leading ministers throughout the state will bring inspiring and informative messages.

Pastors and deacons throughout the state are urged to attend the retreat most convenient.

Beginning time on the first day is 10:00 a.m. and closing time is 4:30 p.m. on the second day.

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Suit Looms On Gideon Bible Distribution

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. (RNS)—Court action may result from a controversy which began when officials began considering distribution of Gideon Society Bibles in public schools here.

It was indicated that the American Civil Liberties Union may take action against the Conval School Board, which some time ago accepted an offer by the Gideon Society to give copies of the New Testament to the Concoct Valley School District for pupils in grades 5-12, teachers and school libraries.

The school board accepted the offer provided area clergymen did not object. A poll of clergy showed favorable reaction, according to School Supt. Raymond Edwards.

However, objections were raised by the standing committee of the Unitarian church in Peterborough, which is currently without a pastor.

That committee unanimously endorsed a resolution which stated that it felt that "the proposal that Gideon Bibles be distributed within the school is unwise, because this distribution might be objectionable to many and subject the school to pressures from other groups wishing to distribute materials."

Despite the resolution, Supt. Edwards said he would recommend to the school board that the Gideon offer be accepted.

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NASHVILLE (BP)—Jimmy D. Edwards, former pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va., has been named manager, wholesale sales department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board effective August 1.

Edwards replaces W. Alvis Strickland, who returned to the board's Sunday School department as a consultant.

A native of Roanoke, Edwards is a graduate of the University of Richmond (Va.) and holds a bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Revival Dates

Yockanookany Church, (Atlanta): August 17-22; Rev. Walter Hines, Kocushko, evangelist; Rev. James Young, music director; Rev. Winfred Brasher, pastor.



Dr. E. R. Pinson

Dr. James L. Travis

Dr. Don H. Stewart



Dr. Charles Melton

Dr. John F. Carter

Dr. Joel D. Ray

Speakers For Pastor-Deacon Retreats

Baptist Church Damaged In July "Soccer War"

Falling debris from a bombed house a half-block away heavily damaged the roof of the Baptist church and pastor's residence building in Choluteca, Honduras, just an hour before the scheduled start of a Crusade of the Americas meeting at the church. The place was filled, but nobody was injured in this small incident in the recent conflict between Honduras and neighboring El Salvador.

The Ralph A. Wilsons, Southern Baptist missionaries, live 12 blocks from where bombs fell in Choluteca. Other missionaries in Tegucigalpa, the Capital, live two or three miles from Toncontin airport, which was bombed. This was the closest Southern Baptist missionaries came to being directly affected in the series of skirmishes and air raids that started July 14 and continued off and on for five days, until the Organization of American States effected a cease-fire.

Assembled for the Crusade of the Americas evangelistic meeting, in addition to several missionaries, were some women and children from a mission on the Salvadoran border, an evangelist from Guatemala, and students from the Baptist theological institute in Tegucigalpa.

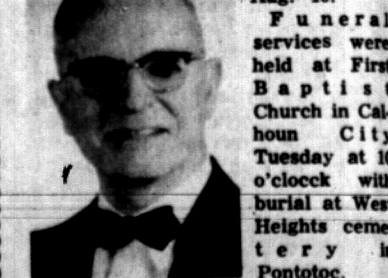
No public communications or flights were operating in Honduras, so Rev. S. Wayne Wheeler, missionary stationed in Tegucigalpa, drove the students back, with Mrs. Wilson and children going along. Mr. Wilson took the Guatemalan evangelist to the Nicaraguan border where he could get a flight home.

According to news reports, factors leading up to the war include the immigration of thousands of Salvadoran peasants into less densely populated Honduras over the years and the resentment of many Hondurans at being outclassed in the job market by skilled Salvadorans.

Following a violent soccer tournament between the two countries, Honduras expelled more than 14,000 Salvadorans and severed diplomatic relations with their nation's government. El Salvador then precipitated a string of minor border incidents that finally touched off the armed conflict, in which an estimated 1,000 to 2,000 people died.

R. B. Patterson, Widely-Known Leader, Passes

Rev. R. B. Patterson, of Calhoun City, retired well-known Baptist minister in Mississippi for many years, died at his home Sunday, Aug. 10.



Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church in Calhoun City Tuesday at 10 o'clock with burial at West Heights cemetery in Pontotoc.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Edith D. Patterson; a son, Robert D. Patterson Jr. of Nashville; a daughter, Mrs. Charles Jolly of Madison, N. Y.; two brothers, Palmer Patterson of New Orleans and David Patterson of Wesson, and a sister, Mrs. Hanna P. Jones of Greenville.

Prior to his retirement several years ago, Mr. Patterson was area Baptist missionary for north Mississippi with offices in Grenada.

He had served as associational missionary in several counties including Calhoun, Pontotoc and Alcorn, as well as several pastorates in the state.

Mr. Patterson was a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He was active in denominational affairs, having served on several convention committees as well as a member of the State Board.

In 1960 he was Rural Minister of the Year.

Mother Of A.L. Nelson Dies In Jackson

Mrs. S. W. (Agnes) Nelson, 80, mother of A. L. Nelson, Business Manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died in Jackson on Friday night, August 8, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Iron Mountain, Mich., and spent most of her life in that state. She was preceded in death by her husband in August, 1950. Eleven years ago she came to Jackson to make her home with her son.

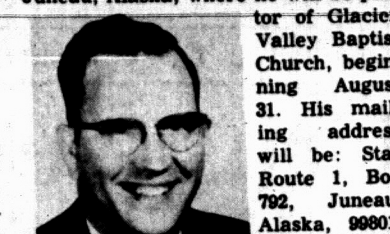
She is survived by her son; three brothers, Albert Ekberg of Colston, Mich., Stanley Ekberg of Arkon, Ohio, and Morris Ekberg of Evanston, Illinois; two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Ritter and Miss Hildur Ekberg, both of Evanston, Illinois, and eleven grandchildren.

Mrs. Nelson was a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

Funeral services were at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home in Jackson, on Saturday afternoon, August 9, with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins officiating, assisted by Rev. Ralph Winders and Rev. Al Broday. Pallbearers were four grandsons and two other friends. Interment was in Lake-wood Memorial Park in Jackson.

To Be Pastor In Glacier Valley

Rev. Olyn F. Roberts and his family are leaving August 18, for Juneau, Alaska, where he will be pastor of Glacier Valley Baptist Church, beginning August 31.



His mailing address will be: Star Route 1, Box 702, Juneau, Alaska, 99801.

In leaving Mississippi, Mr. Roberts says, "It has been a thrill working with the fine pastors, Baptist leaders, and churches in Mississippi. My family and I especially thank Dr. Joe Odle and his precious wife, plus a host of others, who shared our grief with us in the loss of our son, Mike, July 29, 1967."

Mr. Roberts and his wife, Eloise, grew up in the Poplar Flat Church near Louisville, Mississippi, the same church Nella Dean (Mrs. Charles) Whitten is from. Mrs. Whitten is currently writing a book on the life of Mike, proceeds of which will go to missionary causes, since Mike had surrendered his life to missions. The Roberts have one daughter, Deborah Lois, who is also a mission volunteer.

Mr. Roberts has been pastor of the following churches: Yellow Creek, Ellison Ridge, Liberty, all in Winston

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to religious or other private institutions.

Shortly before House passage of the bill, Father Robert J. Henle, S. J., president of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., wrote to Rep. Wilbur Mills (D-Ark.), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, warning of dangers in certain tax reforms.

Father Henle said the provisions on gifts of appreciated property, some forms of deferred giving and deduction of charitable gifts without a percentage floor would either deprive the public of these services of private institutions or transfer them completely to public budgets.

The educator said the tax advantages as currently standing are "not loopholes. They are strategic and enlightened legislative provisions to help shift some of the burdens of public service to the private sector, and to promote independent public service at minimal cost to the taxpayer."

Father Henle lauded the proposals which give tax relief to the poor and the middle-income citizens, but he said it would be "tragic" in making reforms to abolish provisions aiding private institutions. "The immediate increase in revenue would ultimately be dearly bought," he said.

County; Horseshoe in Holmes County; Liberty, all in Winston County; Horseshoe in Holmes County; Enterprise in Clark County; Midway in Lauderdale County; Culvert Street in Mobile; and is resigning Crestview, Petal.



Thirty Nurses Capped At First Church, Jackson

THIRTY sophomore students of Mississippi Baptist Hospital's Gilfoy School of Nursing were recently capped at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. The students are (from left to right):

1st Row: Daphne Laird, Brenda George, Cynthia Lee Aycock, Marion Duggan Smith, Teresa Dianne Ellis, Rebecca Queen Robinson. Row 2: Janet Elizabeth Ross, Judy Gail Moore, Jennifer D. Neely, Linda Pigford, Rebecca Ellen Brown, Barbara Ann

Branstrom, Elizabeth Carol Bourland. Row 3: Camilla Kay Ashcraft, Carol Lynn Ivey, Janet Louise Hartwell, Janet Stewart, Sylvia Dianne Denton, Doris Diane Parkes, Cheryl Jean Jordan. Row 4: Elizabeth Loraine Westbrook, Cathie Sue Adams, Linda Dianne Britt, Opal Annette Wroten, Brenda Murray. Row 5: Barbara Bean Lowe, Claudia Diane Lann, Jimmie G. Cothorn, Donnell Francis Skinner, Emily Virginia Boyd.

Does Anyone Care?



I have just ended 28 days of prayer and fast chained to a wooden cross in the heart of the Sunset Strip. Atop the cross was the sign, "Does anyone care?"

We were evicted from His Place (name of or God) on the grounds that we were attracting hippies, degenerates, dope pushers, gang members, and run-aways, as well as other "undesirables" to the area.

When I became minister of the Sunset Strip two years ago, thousands of these so-called undesirables had already made the Sun Strip their home. During the time His Place has been open, over 10,000 have received Jesus Christ as their Savior and 800 runaways returned home. Hundreds of young people on drugs have been set free.

The word of God — the only solution, the only way to help straighten out the lives of these unfortunate young people — was unheard on the Sunset Strip. That is why I began my ministry — to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need it so desperately.

After one eviction, no property was left on the Sunset Strip except a building. His Place

was in danger of extinction. But the Lord told me there was room on the Sunset Strip for his word if there was room for topless night clubs, liquor stores, bars, psychedelic shops selling pornography, open sales of drugs, and prostitution.

This is why I chained myself to the cross until I knew His Place would become a reality. It took 28 long days and nights, but we have the opportunity to buy a building since we are unable to lease. The economic sin-block has been broken by the power of God.

DOES ANYONE CARE? God does! And he has provided us with a new "His Place". Praise God! The materialistic, unconcerned property owners of Sunset Strip have been defeated. In the midst of this Strip of topless, bottomless, booze, drugs, sex and jet set living, "His Place" shall continue to be open. We say thanks to each of you for standing faithfully with us.

"His Place" will be open in six weeks. We are buying a building here in the heart of Sunset Strip for \$160,000. Complete accounting of all funds received is being handled by a business management firm in the 9000 building.

We need \$160,000 to buy the building to house His Place permanently on the Sunset Strip. Your contribution — large or small (which is tax deductible) will help rescue thousands of young unfortunates living without God. (This is a non-profit religious organization.)

"His Place" ministers will be on the Strip nightly to be of service to you. For more information, you may write the Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Association 9000 Sunset Blvd., or call 276-4155.

Thank you for your sustaining support of our Life Changing Ministry.

Yours in Christian victory,
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The Crusade of the Americas

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part of a marching army to the Baptists of smaller countries who have been battling for years to keep their churches going.

Both Lopes and Dehoney seemed to agree that as a result of the "Cali Declaration" adopted by the crusade's coordinating committee in Cali, Colombia, the three-point objective approved for the crusade gave an added depth to most Baptists' understanding of evangelism.

Objectives

The three objectives as set forth in the Cali Declaration included: (1) deepening the spiritual life within churches, home and individuals (2) evangelizing the continent; and (3) establishing true moral and spiritual bases for the betterment of mankind's economic, social and physical welfare.

Lopes said he felt there had been a good balance between the three objectives, although this had come slowly. Dehoney said there was no way to measure this to know, but he believed Baptists have developed "a more socially conscious pulpit and pew."

Two other top evangelism leaders in the SBC were less sure. "I think we have accomplished something in all three objectives of the crusade, though there are some pockets where there was not much advancement in the third objective," said C. E. Autrey, director of the evangelism division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

He added, however, that he believed that within the next three years, Baptists will have the so-called conflict between evangelism and social concerns licked.

Autrey, who coordinated much of the Southern Baptist Convention's participation in the crusade on the denominational level, said he also felt the crusade helped awaken church membership to more involvement. "So much of our membership is on the sidelines and not active," he said.

John Havlik, associate in the board's evangelism division and chairman of a crusade committee on follow-up, conservation of results, and evaluation, echoed many of the views expressed by the other leaders, but had much stronger words about the third objective.

Weaknesses

Havlik said one of the weaknesses of the crusade was the tendency to hedge on the third objective. "This was revealed in the little attention given to it in any meetings of the crusade leaders after the Cali meeting."

Another weakness, Havlik observed, was the failure to communicate to the churches the real significance of the crusade, and to challenge the churches to be creative and innovative in the efforts.

Like the other crusade leaders, Havlik said he felt the greatest contributions of the crusade would not be in the statistical results, but rather in the strengthened relationships between other Baptist bodies in the Western Hemisphere.

Most of the evangelism secretaries of Baptist state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention, gathered for a recent conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, agreed that the biggest result has been victories in Baptist cooperation.

The state evangelism secretaries were also unanimous in reporting the largest percentage of churches in their state cooperating in a crusade since 1955.

They further said they felt that the crusade had helped better human relationships between Baptists of North America, especially in relationships between white and Negro Baptist conventions.

During the Glorieta meeting, the state evangelism secretaries gave examples of inter-racial cooperation between different Baptist groups sponsoring the evangelistic efforts, and told of the effect on the people which could not possibly be measured.

One inter-racial rally held in the wake of rioting in Chicago drew 3,600 people. The crusade involved a high percentage of Negro, Southern and American Baptist churches in the Chicago area.

State by state, the evangelism secretaries told of results they felt would have a lasting effect on Baptists and on society.

But in the final analysis, they were all agreed — the real results are almost impossible to determine and evaluate, either objectively or subjectively.

The committee which Havlik heads will meet, along with the Crusade of the Americas Coordinating Committee, in Leesburg, Fla., April 12-20, 1970, to face this almost impossible task. Lopes said he hopes the group can have an evaluation report to bring to the Baptist World Alliance when it meets in Tokyo, July 12-18, 1970.

Meditation On Moon Walk

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Another danger is that we become so absorbed with the creature's achievements that we forget the Creator. This worship of nature has trapped mankind in each generation, but ours will be more vulnerable. "One small step for man — one giant leap for mankind" — these first words of Neil Armstrong as he stepped on the moon could lead the irreverent to veneration of his own achievements. However, most of the scientists would not feel this way. As Dr. Rodney Johnson, NASA, stated in an interview reported in *Christianity Today* (July 18, 1969): "Reaching the moon must not be another glorification of man and his technical achievements. Nor must it be permitted to become a substitute for theological meaning and spiritual expression in our day. Rather, it must be an extension of the revelation of God in nature. It must cause man to ask again the question, 'What is man that Thou art mindful of him?'"

Another danger is that people will overlook the tremendous benefits to humanity. In the *Commercial Appeal* (July 20, 1969), Dr. Bernhard H. Goethert, Director, U. T. Space Institute and former chief scientist at the Arnold Engineering Center, pointed out that the United States space program intends to use the potential space "in a manner which will affect and benefit each individual's life on Earth." He pointed to benefits already derived in communication, navigation, weather and especially in medicine. A feature article in the same issue by Charles Thornton, "Benefits Pile Up From Space Costs", pointed to examples of marriage between space and medicine which includes the sensors attached to astronauts' bodies that permit the monitoring of body processes. The sensors never sleep in hospitals now using them. They watch simultaneously the patient's temperature, blood pressure, brain-wave patterns, respiration, heart beat and pulse. When an emergency arises, the

sensors tell sophisticated equipment to call help.

So while the space feats have been achieved by much budget money committed to the military, we must see to it that the words of the moon plaque are true — "They came in peace for all mankind."

Needs

We need a space-age concept of God. In the words of the poet: "As our universe grows great, we grow for it a greater God" — that is, our concept of God grows. As Dr. Werner Von Braun, Director of the NASA George Marshall Space Flight Center, said in an interview with Adon Raft, *Miami Herald* religion writer: "... finite man cannot comprehend an omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent and infinite God. Any effort to visualize God, to reduce Him to our comprehension, to describe Him in our language, beggars His greatness." He further stated: "Through a closer look at creation, we ought to gain a better knowledge of the Creator, and a great sense of man's responsibility to God will come into focus." This God who creates also recreates and is redemptive through Jesus Christ. Buzz Aldrin taking the Lord's Supper emblems with him recognized this as his pastor said, to paraphrase: "He is trusting in Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sin."

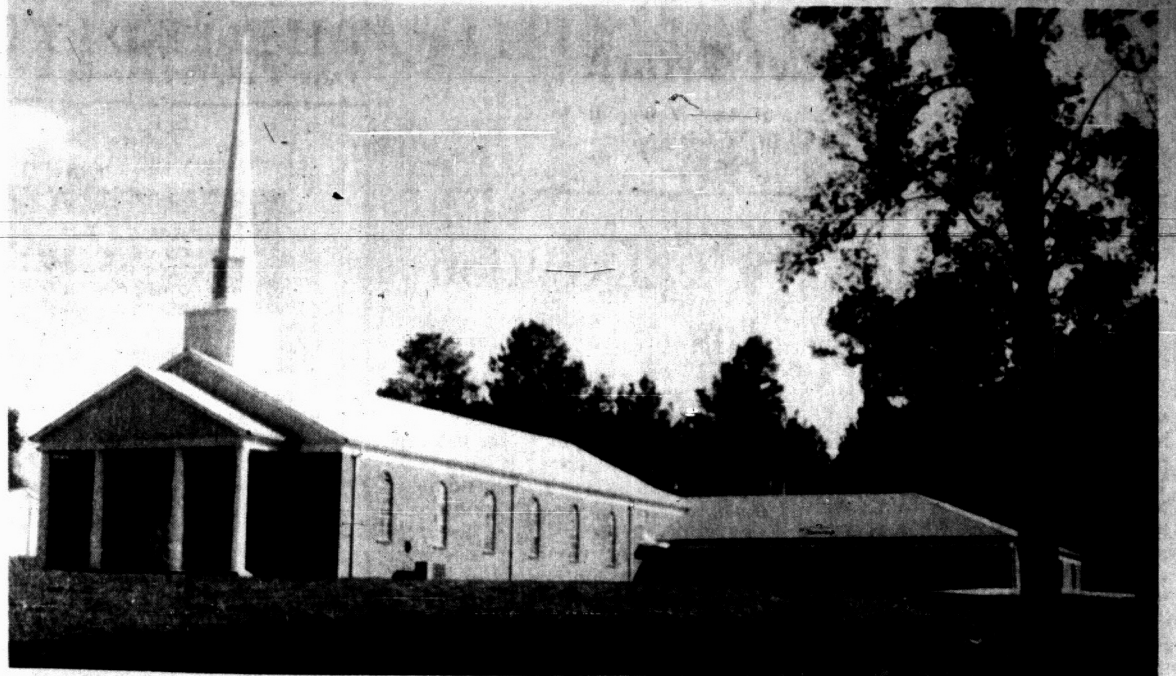
We need a space-age concept of man, created in the image of God. We have hardly scratched the surface in using the potential God has given us. We marvel at the electronic computers' achievement, but Dr. W. Grey Walter, a British neurophysicist, points out that each person has a computer system given him in his brain greater than perhaps any ever to be built by man. He states that if a comparable electronic computer was built, it would take a building one and one-half million cubic feet to hold it with several additional millions of cubic feet to house the nerves or wiring running into it. The faculty of man's brain is equal to 10 billion electronic cells and would use one billion watts of power to activate it. God, who is not a waster, expects us to use the powers He has given us.

Prayer

We need a space-age concept of prayer. Jesus taught us to pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven". David H. C. Read states in his book "Holy Common Sense": "The rule of God and the will of God are not distant ideals, but a present hope, the great deliverance offered to men who know there is something wrong. God's help, God's grace, God's guidance, God's recreative power are not just, as it were, laid up in heaven. They are right here and our contact with them is prayer. For prayer is first and foremost, not seeking to impose our will on God, but seeking to get our wills in line with His. 'Thy kingdom come'—demands or acknowledgement of the rule of God. 'Thy will be done'—we are suggesting our active cooperation in doing His will on earth instead of mere prayer of resignation or submission.

We need a space-age concept of immortality. To quote from Von Braun again: "Science has found that nothing can disappear without a trace. Nature does not know extinction. All it knows is transformation. Now, if God applies this fundamental principle to the most minute and insignificant parts of His universe, doesn't make sense to assume that He applies it also to the masterpiece of His creation — the human soul? I think it does."

We need a space-age concept of power. Science gradually tests, modifies or harnesses the forces of nature, but only Jesus Christ can transform our sinful nature and recreate us with sufficient power for our new life in this



Williamsville Dedicates Colonial Sanctuary

Members of the Williamsville Church, Kosciusko, dedicated a new \$115,000 building July 13 at the open session of a week-long revival. Rev. Roy Marshall, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church, New Albany, was the evangelist for the revival.

An old-fashioned basket lunch was served, as it was also homecoming day at Williamsville. The dedication service was held at 2 p. m. with Rev. Howard Scarborough, a former pastor of Williamsville and presently pastor of Temple Church, Jackson, bringing the dedicatory sermon. Others on program were Rev. Ira Metts, former interim pastor, and Rev. Raymond E. Owens, present pastor.

The new sanctuary, of colonial architecture, seats 450; the new educational facilities have a capacity of 400.

The new building includes carpeted floors in the sanctuary and decroton floors in the educational building. It is equipped with all new furniture, including upholstered pews in the sanctuary and is centrally heated and cooled. Robert D. Sims, a local contractor, was the builder.

The educational facilities include three Nursery departments, 1 beginner department, 2 primary departments, 1 Junior department, 1 Intermediate department, 1 Young people's department, 2 adult departments. It includes a kitchen and fellowship hall to accommodate 125. The office suite consists of pastor's study, secretary's office, workroom, and library.

Those on the General Building Committee were E. L. McCrory, Sr., Chairman; E. L. McCrory, Jr.; Robert Sims; J. W. Davis, Jr.; Homer McAdory; Clay Busbee, Mrs. Bill Tolleson, and Mrs. Richard Lowe.

Groundbreaking For Baptist Student Center At Itawamba Junior College

Groundbreaking for the Baptist Student Center for Itawamba Junior College, Fulton, will take place at 2:00 p. m. on Tuesday, August 19. The new center will be erected on property purchased in 1966 by Baptists of the Itawamba Junior College area and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and is located immediately south of the IJC campus on Highway 78 West, next door to the Wigwam Restaurant.

Rev. Ulvie Fitts, BSU Director at Itawamba Junior College, will be in charge of the service, and a cordial invitation to attend is extended to the public.

Paul J. Pryor Receives Award Of Appreciation

(Continued from page 1)
tees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Earl Eddins, Assistant Administrator of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital; and Mrs. Pryor.

The citation which was made a part of the plaque, reads in full as follows:

The Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital makes this award of appreciation to Paul J. Pryor, Administrator of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi. This award is granted out of recognition of the contribution that he has made to the hospital field and of the splendid

life as well as in the life to come. We need a new emphasis upon the concept of the Holy Spirit being in us, using our bodies — not the Holy Spirit "breathe on me" but Holy Spirit "breathe through me!" — not Holy Spirit "fall on me" but Holy Spirit "Use me!" Because of this potential power Jesus said, "Greater things than these shall you do — because I go to the Father" — and you shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit has come."

Duties

This gives us our space-age concept of our earth duties. The best way of glorifying God is by simple duties of daily service. One "Good News" number states it like this:

"In the stars His handiwork I see
On the winds He speaks with majesty
Though He ruleth over land and sea
What is that to me?
I will celebrate nativity
For it has a place in history
Sure He came to set his people free
But what is that to me?
'Til one day I met Him face to face
And I felt the wonder of His grace
Then I knew that He was more than
Just a God
Who didn't care
Who lived way up there—

To slightly restate the last stanza:

Now He lives within me day by day
Ever watching me, lest I stray
Helping me walk the straight and narrow way
He's everything to me!"

We have witnessed one of the most historic events of all time. To the irreverent or thoughtless, it was an epic feat of man. To the reverent — "The heavens declared His righteousness and all the people see His glory."

degree of cooperation that he has manifested to Baptist Memorial Hospital in the joint fulfillment of the Baptist denomination's ministry of healing.

Mr. Pryor is a native of Texas and attended Baylor University. He gained excellent preparation for higher administrative responsibilities when he served as Assistant Administrator of Arkansas Baptist Hospital from 1950 - 1955. Since 1955, he has served effectively as Administrator of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, one of the state's largest and most progressive health care institutions. Not only has he provided leadership for Mississippi Baptist Hospital, but his contributions are widened to include services in official positions with the Arkansas Hospital Association, the House of Delegates of the American Hospital Association, the Southeastern Hospital Conference, the American Protestant Hospital Association, the Mississippi Hospital Service and Surgical Association, the Mississippi Hospital Association and the Baptist Hospital Association. He has served as President of the latter two organizations. During this year, as Mr. Pryor begins his fifteenth year of service with the Mississippi Baptist Hospital as Administrator, Mississippi Baptists can take pride in the outstanding leadership that he has provided.

Being owned by the Arkansas Baptist Convention, the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Baptist Memorial Hospital shares the same ownership of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. This relationship between the two hospitals calls for joint cooperation and understanding. As Administrator of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Mr. Pryor has always been interested in the well-being of Baptist Memorial Hospital and has been most helpful in communicating the program of this hospital to the Southern Baptists of Mississippi, thus nurturing its image with that segment of the hospital's ownership. The hospital has frequently benefited from the guidance that it has received from Mr. Pryor.

In recognition of Mr. Pryor's contribution to the health field, to the denominational program of Mississippi Baptists, and to the construction of excellent relationships with Baptist Memorial Hospital, the hospital presents this plaque of appreciation to Paul J. Pryor.

Southwestern REA To Meet In Fort Worth

The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association will hold its forty-ninth annual meeting August 19-21, at Price Hall, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. "Threshold of Tomorrow — the '70's'" will be the theme.

Dr. J. M. Price, former head of the school of religious education at the seminary, now retired, will be a guest of honor at the Wednesday night banquet, August 20, and his favorite chapel stories will be told as a part of the entertainment. Guest speakers for the banquet program will be Grady Nutt and W. L. Howse.

Some of the key speakers for the meeting, and their topics, will be: "Why the Massive Changes for the '70's?" W. L. Howse; "Interpreting the '70's Calendar," Ernie Adams; "Psychology of Change," C. W. Brister; "New Horizons," A. V. Washburn and Philip Harris; "Building and Equipment," Ernie Myers; "What's Happening in Curriculum?" Raymond Rigdon; "Leadership Enrollment," Russell Noel; and "Keeping Your Senses in '70,'" John Drakeford. Also, age group workshops will be held.

Officers of the association are Robert F. Wideman, president; Leroy Ford, president-elect; G. C. Patterson, church staff vice president; Robert S. Cook, denominational agencies vice president; G. Norman Weaver, educational agencies vice president; and Gracie Knowlton, secretary-treasurer.



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NEWEST BOOKS

WITNESS IN ISRAEL, THE STORY OF PAUL ROWDEN by John T. Carter (Broadman Press, paperback, 64 pp.)

This is the inspiring story of Paul Rowden, who was appointed missionary to Israel in 1951, where he served as principal of the Nazareth Baptist School. Only a few short years later, in 1959, the young man died. But "Paul Rowden, being dead, yet lives. And he still speaks through the lives of those that he won and influenced." The school in Nazareth where he was headmaster is called the Paul D. Rowden Memorial School. As a result of his influence, others have given money to mission causes, and have gone as missionaries themselves. His wife, Marjorie, and children, Becky, Paige, Rick, and Robin, live in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where Mrs. Rowden is director of public relations for Wm. Carey College. The author, a professor at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, has written an interesting and moving book about a remarkably dedicated man.

NEW MOON RISING by Eugenia Price (J. B. Lippincott, 281 pp., \$5.95).

In her second novel, the author of "The Beloved Invader" again takes the reader to St. Simons, the enchanting Georgia sea island that was the setting for her first... this time to tell the story of an honorable man in conflict with his society. Horace Gould, the younger son in a family of planters, reaches manhood in the troubled decade before the Civil War, during the time when slavery was accepted as natural and necessary. This is Horace's story, during the Civil War and afterward.

As they neared National Airport, a giant jetliner was coming in, and Mr. Washington was much disturbed. However, Senator Stennis explained how this was the newest means of travel, and how widely it was used.

The President sat quietly, seemingly trying to comprehend all that they had seen.

Then as Mr. Stennis drove through Alexandria, he stopped at a traffic light, near old Christ Church.

"Is that the Christ Church that I attended?" asked President Washington. "Yes it is," replied Senator Stennis.

"Do they still have an ordained minister who preaches there?" asked Mr. Washington. "Yes

NO! GOD IS NOT DEAD! by Roy Mason (Roy Mason, P. O. Box 126, Aripeka, Fla., 114 pp., \$1.25)

A book that was conceived with the idea of telling the story of answered prayer as the proof of God's existence, but became an autobiography of the life of a man (the author), who has sought to follow God's leadership in every step of his life. Readers may not fully agree with some of the independent actions of the preacher and his churches, but believing in the independence of every church, they will have to admit his right to do it, and will have to admire the great accomplishments of faith, especially in the realm of religious broadcasting. Here is the story of how God answered prayer concerning pastorates, church problems, mission work, finances, personal needs, soul winning, etc. It is a splendid testimony on answered prayer. Dr. Mason is also author of "The Church That Jesus Built," and several other books.

WHEN YOU PRAY by Harold Lindell (Tyndale House, 182 pp.)

The author, editor of Christianity Today, maintains that there are principles to be heeded if one expects the greatest success in prayer life. In this book, he discusses presupposition about prayer, the kinds of prayer, laws governing prayer, problems in prayer, and the power of prayer.

GOLDEN WORDS FOR EVERY DAY by Ruth C. Ikerman (Abingdon, 220 pp., \$2.95)

These brief daily devotionals, written with rare beauty, will help the reader find joy and encouragement and hope in simple, everyday occurrences. This book will appeal especially to women.

they do," was the reply.

"And do they still believe and pray that old book, the Bible, that they were using in my day?" was the next question. The answer was in the affirmative.

"Then, I am relieved," said Mr. Washington. "I was a bit disturbed by all that I was seeing, but if they still have the churches, and they still preach the message of that book, I will not be too concerned."

We would commend those who were responsible for this Prayer Breakfast, and are glad to know that plans have been made to make it an annual affair. Such spiritual emphases are needed today.

Two Major Crusades

During the month of July two major state-wide crusades were held as a part of the Crusade of the Americas. These were in Ohio and in Montana. In both states large numbers of pastors, laymen, and choir groups were invited to come for the meetings. Many of the pastors and laymen were accompanied by their wives.

The largest of the crusades by far was that in Ohio, where hundreds of workers from several Southern Baptist states participated, and where area revivals were held and followed-up by revivals in churches and missions and in communities where efforts were being made to start new work. Tens of thousands of personal contacts were made, and rich spiritual blessing and victory came in many places.

The full story of the Ohio Crusade is summarized in a story beginning on page one of this is-

sue of the Record, and reports from Mississippians who participated are given on page five. Because of space all reports are not included but will be given later. One cannot read either the story of the reports without feeling some of the impact of these meetings.

At the same time a crusade was in progress in Montana. While not on as large a scale as the Ohio meetings, this one did reach practically every church and mission in the state, and many encouraging reports are coming in. Mississippians who participated in this crusade will tell their stories in a special feature report which will appear in the August 21 issue of the Record.

Read reports of both of these crusades and feel something of the impact and power of the meetings in the states involved, and on the people who participated.



Quiet Talks
ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

Only One Life Was Lost

A writer, commenting upon a news article concerning a military skirmish in which "only one American life was lost," deplored greatly the implication that it didn't matter much that only one man was lost. He pointed out that it mattered so much to some lonely wife, that the darkness of night had come; it mattered so much to a child or children, that an empty void in companionship would go unfilled; it mattered so much to surviving parents, that joy would go out of their hearts.

I thought, too, of a complementary thought: it mattered very much to God that this man was lost. His compassionate concern for the individual impelled the giving of his only begotten Son. His feeling of the importance of any one individual is shown so clearly in Christ's parable of the lost sheep and of the lost boy. Had you or had I been the only individual in need of divine redemption, you and I would have been so important to God, that he would have made the gift of his Son just as quickly and gladly. In materialism and atheism, the individual is of no worth except as a tool; he has no dignity; his personality is not sacred. With God, the individual is of transcending importance!

Just Think!

What if the "only one life lost" had been Abraham, or Moses, or David, or Isaiah, or Peter, or Stephen, or Paul... Or Edison, or Pasteur, or Jonas Salk, or Lincoln, or Zwingli, or Moody, or Graham, or Astronaut John Glenn, or Winston Churchill... or you? What our world would have missed had any one of those giants of history been lost in young manhood is heart-sickening to contemplate; what you or I would have missed, had life been snatched from us in early youth, is sobering to contemplate!

Here is a time to pause for very real thanksgiving: that, to our God, the individual is of infinite worth, his personality is sacred, his meaning to God's plan is of vast significance. Every one of us can be individually grateful that he or she is so important to God, that God has the very hairs of our heads numbered; and that we matter so much to him, that he will bend low to hear our prayers, to help with our problems, and to heal our hurts.

If you need any additional proof that you matter to God, read Psalm 8 for assurance and rejoicing.

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THE BAPTIST FORUM

Liked July 31 Issue

Dear Editor: Have been an avid reader of the Baptist Record for a long time. Being a Sunday school enthusiast, I especially like the Sunday School Lesson comments each week, which I always read first.

Of all my years of reading the Record, this issue, July 31, 1969, is the best, most complete of all previous issues. To name a few items: "The Lordship of Christ Pictures Him as Only Hope of World," "Von Braun Sees Creator's Intent to Have Man Explore Space," "The Three Astronauts," "Of course, we wouldn't miss 'Quiet Talks' by Chester Swor, and 'Devotional' by a variety of pastors, and above all a general coverage of denominational work.

Rea Anding, clerk
Strong Hope Baptist Church
Copiah County
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South Dakota
Church Needs Bus

Dear Mr. Odle: If you have room in the paper this week, would you please place the following in the paper:

Needed - A 36 passenger bus. Use: to pick up children in Apartment houses and Trailer Courts. Contact the pastor, Leon B. Hataway, Sioux Valley Baptist Church, 400 East 41st St., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Thank you very much.
Leon B. Hataway
Sioux Valley Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Pastor In Ohio
Expresses Thanks
To Mississippians

Dear Dr. Odle:

We have just completed our "Crusade Revivals" here in the "Pioneer" corner of NE Ohio, and were privileged to have a host of Mississippi people here to help us. We are eternally grateful for the wonderful help we are getting from our "Home State" people, and I would like to take the time through our Baptist Record, (which we receive and read avidly each week) to let many of our friends know that we are indebted to those who come up here and lift us up each year. I think they are under the impression that they only come to help the lost find Christ, but they are strength to us also.

Many of our fine Christian friends in Mississippi are not aware of the real need for the witness of Southern Baptists in our area, and are not aware of the fine work those who come up here do each year. This past week we had as our preacher for our revival Bro. Hugh Poole, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Yazoo City; Bro. James H. Smith, Music Director at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Simpson County led our singing; Miss Charlene Walker from Corinth Baptist Church, Magee, was our musician. We also had two laymen that visited and witnessed on our church field. Bro. Ray Moffitt from Highland Baptist in Laurel, and Bro. Carlton Renfro from Concord in Yazoo City. Bro. Smith and Poole brought their families with them and the ladies and children visited and passed out hand-bills.

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

- August 18 - Mrs. Victor Vaughn, staff, Clarke College; Tommy Badley, Baptist student director, East Mississippi Junior College.
- August 19 - Mrs. Martha Martin, staff, Mississippi College; Kathryn Bearden, director, religious activity, Gilroy School.
- August 20 - Ada Goar, staff, Children's Village; J. W. Brister, Gulf Coast supt. of missions.
- August 20 - Frank J. Davis, Wm. Carey College faculty; James Flatt, faculty, Blue Mountain College.
- August 22 - Mrs. Margaret Cowart, Mrs. Mary Lib Clayburn, Carey Cox, Mrs. Sara Kathryn Crawford, Baptist Building employees.
- August 22 - W. D. Cole, Education Commission; A. L. Boone, trustee, Baptist Foundation.
- August 24 - Henry Self, Lucius Marion, trustees, Baptist Memorial Hospital.

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The Problem Of Convention Sessions

The most widely discussed issue coming out of the New Orleans Convention has been the problem of the Convention's size. The problem became acute in New Orleans when a total registration of almost 17,000 messengers, and thousands of visitors, were present for a meeting being held in a hall which seated only about 12,000 people. The issue being discussed, however, is not merely the size of the hall, or the hotel problems, acute as they are, but the difficulty of doing the Lord's business in a democratic and orderly manner when so many messengers are present.

The convention itself took note of the problem and requested its Executive Committee to study it to see if some answer can be found. This is not the first time the issue has come before Southern Baptists for at the 1926 Convention, 43 years ago, the same matter was considered. Through the years numerous constitutional changes concerning representation have been made, in an effort to solve some of the problems of convention work.

Suggestions Being Offered
Several suggestions now are forthcoming from editors and letter writers, and there is considerable discussion on the pros and cons of the various ideas.

Among the suggestions are regional conventions, with only an occasional general meeting; election of representatives from various states to conduct convention business; a further limiting of the number of messengers; a convention of simultaneous state meetings connected by closed circuit television; and some others.

Thus far, we simply have not seen a satisfactory suggestion, so we shall await with interest such suggestions as may come from the Executive Committee. It is very possible that the group may come to about the same impasse to which it has come on changing the convention name. No suitable name seemed to be available, and it is questionable whether a suitable substitute for general SBC meetings can be found. We shall simply have to wait and see.

Meanwhile we should like to make several observations:

Undue Alarm?

1. It is possible that there may have been undue alarm caused by the overcrowded condition at New Orleans. This was the largest attendance in SBC history, probably, at least in part, because the sessions were closer to more Southern Baptists than in most conventions have been. It is very probable that attendance will be much smaller at the meeting in Denver which will be far from the convention center of population. This also will be true of St. Louis and Philadelphia, Pa. It seems, then, that the next large convention attendance will be in Houston or Dallas, and at least Dallas is

preparing to provide a much larger auditorium. Since the general meetings already are set for the next five years, it appears that no crisis in the attendance problem will again appear before at least 1975 or later, if then.

2. While the regional meeting idea appears to be the most feasible suggestion to be presented thus far, even this raises insuperable problems of expense, handling of convention business, etc., and it seems that such meetings would change the very nature of SBC sessions. We doubt very much that the convention is ready to accept such changes.

Representative Government

3. Further, we very seriously doubt that Southern Baptists are ready to accept any type of representative form of government. This is one of the suggestions, and evidently is being promoted by some of the so-called "liberal" element of the convention. One proposal has been that the Executive Committee be greatly expanded, and let it handle all convention business. We question whether Southern Baptists are ready to turn any group completely loose like this in running its affairs, and we do not believe that they should. At the present time the Executive Committee does handle convention business, but it is under the direction of, and fully responsible to the convention. So are the boards of the various agencies. That this is true, was evidenced by at least one of the actions in New Orleans. There has been some criticism of this "interference" by the convention in the work of some of its agencies, but the decision only pointed up the fact that the agencies are creatures of the convention and the convention does have the right to control them. If we ever lose this principle, the convention will disintegrate, into splinter groups of churches. Whatever Southern Baptists may do about their meetings, we predict that they will not delegate unlimited authority to anybody.

National Meetings

4. Without question, there are many advantages in holding great national meetings, with a broad representation from the churches. These meetings have had a part in preserving the unity of Southern Baptists, and in their growth and expansion. People cannot attend these meetings without feeling the strength and purpose of the whole convention program. This is something which must not be lost.

Here, then, is a major problem. There is no easy solution. However, while it is necessary to do some long range planning, this decision does not have to be made hurriedly, since the next five meetings already are set. Southern Baptists will no doubt find the leadership of the Lord in the solution, so we are not overly disturbed about it at this moment.

A Prayer Breakfast

On Tuesday morning of last week there occurred in Jackson a very significant meeting. It was the First Annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast.

Present for the meeting were Governor Williams, Lieutenant Governor Sullivan, Senator Stennis, some federal and state judges, some members of the Mississippi legislature, and a host of business and professional leaders from all over the state, along with a few ladies.

The program was planned along the lines of the Presidential Prayer Breakfast's which have for several years been held annually in Washington, and the Senate and House breakfasts which are held weekly during sessions of congress. The program included scripture reading, prayer, and special music. Senator Stennis, who is Chairman of the Senate Prayer Breakfast in Washington, was the principal speaker, and Governor Williams brought a brief message.

The impact of the meeting was that it brought together a large group of Christian men from government, business and professional circles, who recognize the importance of the spiritual needs of the state and nation. As remarks Senator Stennis

spoke of the absolute necessity for a spiritual emphasis, in our state and nation and of the need for spiritual strength to meet the crises now facing us.

Senator Stennis used one illustration which his hearers will not soon forget. He told of visiting Mt. Vernon, the home of our first president, George Washington. He said that as he drove back up the expressway toward Washington, he imagined having the first president of our nation in the car with him.

President Washington asked the question, "What is this we are riding in?" The senator said that he explained to the leader from another century what the automobile is, and how that it is the common mode of transportation for the people of our day.

Senator Stennis said that he imagined that he turned on the radio of the car. This amazed Mr. Washington, and he asked questions concerning that.

They passed a railroad and a fast train went by. The former president of our nation was startled by this mighty mass of steel rushing by at high speed, but the senator calmed him by explaining about trains and their use.

Mississippians Report On The Ohio Crusade

NOTE: Mississippians who participated in the Crusade of the Americas in Ohio during July were requested to write reports of their experiences, for presentation in the Baptist Record. Those reports, most of them abridged, begin on this page and will be continued next week.

Impressed With Associational Missions Program

Rev. Robert W. Martin, Ripley at Howland Chapel, Ohio

In the Ohio Crusade we worked with the Howland Baptist Chapel near Warren and Niles. Several things impressed me in my service there. One was the aggressiveness of the associational mission program under the leadership of Bro. Ross Hughes. Immediate and long-range plans for new work are made and responsibilities assigned to the churches. The pastors gave evidence of a definite sense of call to this kind of service and manifested optimism and enthusiasm in spite of many things that could have discouraged and defeated them. The churches were small and sustained by a small but faithful nucleus of members. Opportunities are almost unlimited. A relatively small number of the population is actively participating in any church. People were about as receptive there as they are here. Few refuse information or treat visitors disrespectfully.

Needs are many. There is need for more preachers to pastor churches and missions. Trained laymen are needed to effectively teach the Bible and lead in reaching people and ministering to their spiritual needs. Most, probably all, of the missions need money to support their pastors, buy property and build church buildings.

Greeted With Warmth In Warren

Harold Yates, Highland, Meridian, at Warren, Ohio

The recent revival in the Ohio Crusade was one of the most thrilling and meaningful experiences in my life. In my four years of living for Jesus Christ, I have never felt the presence of Jesus Christ as I did during this revival. It was wonderful to be able to witness to the people of Warren, about Christ.

We were greeted rather warm in the Southeast Warren area where our chapel was located. We were not completely turned away by anyone we visited. Most people seemed to be alert to listen to us, both saved and unsaved people. I think the most thrilling experience was witnessing to a Catholic family. The husband had only recently become united in a Baptist Chapel. On Thursday night of our revival, the wife, a devout Catholic since childbirth, came forward and united with this Baptist Chapel.

There is a tremendous need in this area for help of all kinds; prayer, financial, work, etc. But the results of this crusade revival shows that Christ will help us with our needs if we will love Him, live for Him, and seek His guidance.

Days And Nights In Personal Evangelism

John Mathis, Tupelo, at Salem, Ohio

My personal involvement was in the mission crusade at Salem Baptist Mission at Salem, Ohio.

God worked in wonderful ways with the evangelistic team, the mission members, and the lost. The team spent its days and nights there in personal evangelism, personal encouragement of mission members, prayers, and preaching the Word.

A great deepening of my own spiritual life was experienced as I went about winning lost souls to Christ. I have come back home with a renewed spirit of concern for the lost in my own community.

The mission members experienced a great revival in their ranks and have found a new zeal and dedication in their work for the Lord. Six lost persons made professions of faith in our Christ Jesus and three others made rededications of their faith.

I am impressed with the great potential for Southern Baptists in the Steel Valley Association. The needs are tremendous. The majority of the people are unchurched and of those who are churched it is estimated that many of them are lost. They need to hear the real gospel of our Lord. We as Southern Baptists need to carry that news.

Catholic Lends Building For Baptist Services

Rev. H. J. Rushing, Immanuel, Vicksburg at Woodworth, Ohio

My partner in travel, work, and prayer in the Crusade of the Americas in Ohio July 20-27, 1968 was Clifton Butts, a layman from our Church. We were assigned to the Woodworth community just south of the Youngstown city limits.

Our task was to begin a new work in this area without a Southern Baptist witness. The project included the location of a meeting place, the planning of a service for Sunday Morning July 27, and the contacting of the people to let them know of our plans. The method we decided on was the use of shoe leather in a house-to-house approach, and this we followed.

We contacted over one-hundred homes, talked specifically about the plans with at least one person in ninety-four of these, and secured the promise of attendance and prayer for the first service and the work it was hoped that service would begin.

The second person we contacted was the owner of a Trailer Park and a Catholic. When we explained to him what we were doing he voluntarily offered without cost a Recreation Building in his Trailer Park not only for the first service but for future services. It was in his building, and he was present, that we had that first service on the morning of the 27th with 17 present. A recently licensed preacher from the SBC church nearest the community, led the singing, and will have charge of the new work which began on August 3.

A V.B.S. paved the way, the Lord worked with us, visitation paid off, and we came away encouraged. The work is hard but the need is great in Ohio.

Bustling Steel Mills In Western Pennsylvania

Rev. Lynton L. Younger

Ridgeland, at Hickory and Westside Chapels, Sharon, Pennsylvania

Bustling steel mills, assembly plants three blocks long, large towns crowded close together — these things impressed us — but most of all it was people, people everywhere and thousands of them not in any kind of church. If we had an area like that in Mississippi we would be starting missions there every month. But this area is not in the South; it is in western Pennsylvania, and therefore in the midst of all that need there is one little church and one brand new mission.

The pastor of that church is Mike Hunt of 69 Wengler Avenue, Sharon, Pennsylvania, 16146. He has six children. His total income last month was \$486.00, and that was a good month. He needs another \$100.00 a month support. The new mission had its first service on July 27th with twenty-six present — an unusually fine beginning. The preacher was a pastor from South Carolina who is going to move by faith to the new mission. He has no support whatsoever, and he needs help from churches in the South. The people up there have dedication, and they have a willingness to work, but they need financial assistance. If the pastors have their salaries paid by churches in the South, the local people can use their money to buy land and build buildings.

Our church voted last year to give \$50.00 a month to a mission in the North. We voted at the same time to increase our percentage of giving through the Cooperative Program and to double our giving to Associational Missions. Did this hurt our church? Of course not! It has been a shot in the arm. Our church is happier, and we have more money than we ever had. God blesses the church which gives to missions.

525 People Per Square Mile In NE Ohio

Rev. John E. Watts, Liberty, at Madison

One-half of the Nation's people live on one-sixth of the nation's land in the northeast corner of our great nation. One-half of Ohio's people live on one-fourth of Ohio's land. The northeast corner of Ohio had 525 people per square mile.

In the northeast corner of the Steel Valley Association, we have two Southern Baptist churches, namely, Geneva Baptist Church in starting a work in Madison, Ohio. Madison, Ohio has no Southern Baptist missions. During the Crusade four Mississippians, Steve McCollum, David Mahaffey, Vernon Carruth and I held evangelistic services in a school building, but little response was shown. In our visitation we received a warm welcome and some interest was shown in beginning a Southern Baptist Church in Madison.

The Pastor Had "A Dedicated Patience"

Rev. Robert L. Sheffield, Southside, Meridian at Churchill, Youngstown

The lasting impressions that I bring back after spending a week in Youngstown, Ohio at the Churchill Baptist Chapel encompass such words as people, patience, dedication, and real needs.

The people are there. These are people who find it strange for a "preacher" to visit them personally. These are people who, even though members of other churches, are not attending any church. These are families whose parents are not Christians and whose children are wandering. These are people who don't respond eagerly but who can be reached through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The work in this area and particularly in the Chapel where I served is slow in growing. It takes a dedicated patience to be able to continue when it seems as if little is being accomplished. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Theriot, that I served with had it and so did his people.

The dedication that I saw in this pastor, in some of his lay people and in the laypeople that went from the State of Mississippi warmed, thrilled and humbled my heart. This is dedication instilled by God, sustained by the Holy Spirit and warmed by a genuine love and concern for people. These men have a love for witnessing that is thrilling and a tireless energy that is over abounding.

My impression of the real need of this area is for men and money. This area needs preachers to pastor the new congregations and money to pay their salaries and support the Church until it can become self-sustaining. There is a need for lay people who are consecrated to be the starting family in a church. These men and their congregations also feed our prayers. These are the real needs, not our sympathy, not the suggestions of new methods.

Little Girl Never Heard Of The Bible

Rev. David Mahaffey, Sileam, West Point at Madison, Ohio

My experiences in Ohio have made an impression on my heart and mind that I shall never forget. I could not visualize people in such great numbers who are lost and unconcerned about their spiritual condition, about Jesus Christ and His Church, until I had knocked on door after door looking for someone who was interested in ministering to the spiritual needs of their community.

One experience stands out quite vividly in my mind. I talked with the mother of six children the oldest being about twelve, and she said that she had not been to church in thirteen years. When I asked her which church she last attended she hesitated for a number of seconds before she could remember. When I suggested that it was time for her to give some consideration to the Lord and His Church she turned and walked away. As I was leaving I turned to one little girl about six or seven years old and asked if she had a Bible. She looked up at me and asked, "A what?" And I said, "A Bible." She did not know what a Bible was. I went to the car and returned and gave her a copy of GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN. I pray that she will read it and that the word of God will be planted in her heart.

I have been giving the darker side of my impressions, but there is a brighter side which is revealed to us in the lives of dedicated pastors who are working enthusiastically in the midst of great difficulties, who say, "Don't pity us, but pray for us and come join us in one of the greatest missions fields in America." Truly CHRIST is THE ONLY HOPE for America and the World.

Commends Pastors Who Minister In Ohio

Norman Mapp, Gautier, in Youngstown Area

I would like to commend the pastors and their families and any one else involved in ministering to the people of Ohio through the small missions and churches which have been established and are being established even now. These people have made great sacrifices in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. They need our help desperately through more of these Crusades, through our prayers, and certainly through our financial support to these churches and mission.

My impressions were that the people of Ohio seem to be living under some type of fear for their personal safety and the safety of their families, they did not seem to wish to become involved in the work of our Lord or personally involved with other people.

The ministry in Ohio is typical of the ministry of the early churches and the apostles of the New Testament times. The people have to be reached through personal contacts with friends and neighbors, churches have to be started in homes or in places available for worship.

I was amazed at the number of churches I saw (there were so many and of varying denominations) but I was surprised to find out also that most of these churches do not preach the true Gospel. The impression made on me was that the people of Ohio are starved for the true Gospel. I felt that for the first time I was actually living John 4:35.

Found Four Families Interested In A Mission

Rev. Joe Walker, Hollandale, at Chagrin Falls, Ohio

One of the goals set by the Steel Valley Association, in Northeast Ohio, was the beginning of a new work in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Located in the greater Cleveland area, Chagrin Falls was reported as a small town of some 3,500 people. Counting those living outside the town, the figure came closer to being 50,000 people. Everywhere you turned there were beautiful homes and people, people, people. The task of establishing a mission in this area was assigned to four men of the Hollandale Baptist Church. Three laymen, Thomas Keith, William Lynchard, and Jack Newton, and myself accepted the challenge.

The primary task of this group was going from home to home knocking on doors trying to find Baptists living in the area or others who would be interested in establishing such a work. Also, some time was spent standing on the streets of Chagrin Falls handing out tracts, gospels of John, and witnessing. It would be most wonderful to report that many interested Baptists were found and that many sinners were converted, but such was not the case. We found maybe four families who were interested in beginning a Baptist mission.

Our church can be proud of its laymen and the dedication with which they served. Though most of the citizens of Chagrin Falls were friendly and seemed to appreciate the Baptists of Mississippi for coming, their complacency about God and the church, convinced our men of the need for deeper commitment at home. Our prayers shall be that God use the witness given by these men to build His church and that our witness at home be even more alive and vibrant in His Name.

Proclaims The Good News In Steel Valley

John Heiden, Van Winkle, in Youngstown Area

The Steel Valley area of Youngstown, Ohio is an area where a man can live a lifetime and never once hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. How great it is to know that this past week the Good News was proclaimed throughout the Steel Valley and even today the Light burns brighter than a week ago. Let's pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will indwell the lives of those dear missionaries in Ohio, and as we work here in Mississippi, let's pray that others, here, will be filled with the Holy Spirit and accept the challenge of witnessing to the lost. Thank you, Lord, for letting me be a part of your witness in Ohio.

Chapel Meeting In A Grammar School

Jim Walker, Yazoo City at McGuffey Chapel

It was a distinct privilege to be able to go to Ohio with our pastor, Brother Jim Yates, and two other laymen, Tom Raggett and Bill Stanford. Our group worked with Brother Bill Clouse in the McGuffey Chapel, which is presently meeting in a grammar school until a permanent location can be obtained. Current prospect lists were used to carry out a visitation program in the area surrounding the school.

This visitation was to encourage Baptist families to become active or to find those who needed Christ as Saviour. Some of those visited were children who had responded to an invitation in Bible School. The majority of the people we visited were very friendly and would at least listen to what we had to say. The members at McGuffey were very cordial and did all they could to promote the revival services.

We were quite disappointed that there were no open decisions in the services in spite of an average attendance which ran considerably higher than the members had expected.

The most urgent need is for regular, monthly financial support for the pastors who need to spend full time on their church field. This is certainly an area which needs our prayers and our support, as so many people seemed satisfied outside the influence of regular worship. These Ohio Baptists are a challenge to those of us who take religion for granted.



Dental Clinic In Guyana

DR. DAVID TATE, dentist of Irving, Tex., and Mrs. Tate give an anesthetic to a child in one of the temporary dental clinics set up in 19 Baptist churches and missions in Guyana. Dr. Tate was accompanied by an oral surgeon and a dental technician from the States. The three gave their services during a two-week dental care project sponsored by Southern Baptist missionaries in Guyana.

New Church Begun In Garrettsville

Sam Dees, Panther Burn, at Garrettsville and Windham

It is hard to describe the feelings and blessing you receive when you leave on a trip such as the one we made to Ohio.

During the day my task was to visit with Rev. James A. Smith, pastor of Fernwood Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss. Our assignment was to visit in Garrettsville, Ohio. We had the names of thirty-five or more people who were interested in organizing a Baptist church. We made several visits and were very well received by most. When we visited we had scripture reading and prayer. It is very hard to describe the feeling you experience because so many seem to be so hungry for the gospel and the fellowship of other Christians.

Some were overjoyed that we had come to begin a Baptist church in their town. The first Bible study and prayer service was held in a home. The remainder of the week they were held in the American Legion Hall. Rev. Smith conducted these services. We had our first worship service Sunday morning, July 27, 1968. There were two summer missionaries, a young man from the sponsor church in Austin Village, eleven people from Garrettsville, Ohio, Rev. Smith and myself attending. God blessed this service, because the people said they would work in this area to promote the cause of Christ.

The Austin Village pastor, Rev. Bill Murray, will continue to preach at Garrettsville and lead this congregation until a pastor is called to carry on the work there.

Windham Baptist church had revival services each evening. Rev. J. B. Miller from Carriage Hill Baptist Church in Southaven, Miss. was the preacher, and I had the pleasure of being Music Director. There are twelve families in Windham Baptist Church. The total membership is 61. This includes four who came on profession of faith during the week. Sunday School enrollment is 123.

During the revival services the enthusiasm of the juniors and intermediates was thrilling. They came to sing each night, and to hear the good news of the Gospel.

Windham church is pastorless at present. Bro. Miller and members of the church visited during the day and our attendance was good for the services. The people of Windham are eager to see great things happen in their church, and are willing to work. Each evening the church bus would leave the church to pick up all who would attend the services. The bus was driven by a layman who took his vacation, so he could help in the revival.

Small Missions Desperately Need Support

Tom H. Raggett, Yazoo City in Steel Valley Area

After having made my third visit to Ohio I am more aware than ever before of the urgent needs that exist in the reaching of the lost in that area. The physical and financial needs of those who serve are foremost as I see it, but these needs are not being met because of the lack of knowledge and concern for the Christian cause there by those in our area who are able financially and those here in our Southland who should be fulfilling their mission obligations as Christians.

Surely, the Lord must be in the effort for so much to be done on so little, but there must be more response to their needs in the very near future or these small missions in my opinion will become desperate. Pastors may be forced to move to other areas in order to live. Substantial support will be needed over a long period of time in order to survive. At the present time missions that cannot support themselves are trying to sponsor other missions but in name only.

The potential is great, the call for help is clear but the harvest is not ripe, only God knows how long it will take, but regardless of the cost in time, talent and money we who call ourselves Christians should meet this challenge.

Good Progress Underway At Austin Village

Rev. Durrell Makamson and Phil Odom, Durant, at Warren

We were assigned to serve for eight days as visiting evangelist and music director with the Austin Village Baptist Church, Warren, Ohio. The city of Warren, where we were has a population of 65,000.

The Austin Village Church is nine years old. Under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Bill Murray, the church is making excellent progress. The pastor and people had made good preparation for the revival. They responded to everything they were asked to do. We found a warm welcome in the church and in every home we visited.

The work in Ohio is so different from the work in Mississippi. A new chapel is started when they find a "first family" who will give themselves to that place of witness until a Southern Baptist Church can be established. The "family" may be a pastor, deacon or layman. The goal of the Steel Valley Association is one Southern Baptist congregation for every 10,000 and that would be 135 congregations. They now have 24 small congregations. If Mississippi Baptists want to help in a mission project—pray for mission-minded pastors to go to Ohio, and then help to underwrite the pastor's salary.

The visible results of the revival were six for baptism, two by letter, and a number for rededication.

Need For Trained And Experienced Leaders

Steve McCollum, Calvary, West Point, at Madison

My assignment was to be a song leader in Madison, Ohio, and to help establish a mission there in a town of 9,000 people and no Southern Baptist work. We stayed in Geneva and also assisted in the work there, serving with the pastor, Rev. Jerry Lowrie.

Since there was no established Southern Baptist work in Madison, we spent most of our time surveying the area for prospects and in personal work with them. We held services Thursday and Friday nights in a local school. We found very few prospects with Southern Baptist background but did find several prospects with no church preference, and found many who were inactive church members of various denominational backgrounds. Many of the people were completely disinterested in the church. Others were open about their lacking spiritual life, but were willing to talk to us. We were able to contact a lot of people by having several workers. I feel that we made an impression on the people there that may have made a beginning upon which others might build. Southern Baptist work is foreign to many of the people in Ohio. Once they understand something of our work, we found them to be very responsive. They are in bad need of trained and experienced leaders.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON — LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

The Hebrews' Lack Of Faith

By Clifton J. Allen
Numbers 13-14

This lesson is both an explanation and a picture of the wilderness experience of the Israelites. Though assured of God's presence, guidance, and help, they lacked faith to engage in the conquest of Canaan. A characteristic of the newly delivered nation of slaves was lack of spiritual purpose and lack of faith which resulted in murmuring and fear. The generation that came out of Egypt was not yet ready for conquest. When the Israelites came to the border of the Promised Land and faced the reality of danger and hardship in possessing the land, they became panic-stricken with fear and rebelled against Moses—really against the Lord—with the result that God sentenced that generation to wandering and death in the wilderness, leaving to the next generation the actual conquest of Canaan.



The Lesson Explained The Land Of Promise (13:17-20)

The Israelites had marched from Sinai to Kadesh-barnea, on the southern border of the land of Canaan. It was occupied by various pagan nations or tribal groups—Amalekites, Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, and others. Here Moses sent out spies—a responsible leader chosen from each of the tribes—to explore the land. A particular concern was to find out about the military strength of the people and the economic resources of the land. Such information would give guidance for the conquest. Surely Moses was not without information about the people, but this was natural strategy. Moses charged the spies to learn all they could about the land, as to the people and their fortifications, and to bring back samples of the produce of the land.

Conflicting Reports (13:30-33)

The spies fulfilled their mission and returned, after forty days. They reported to Moses and the congregation that the land was like one flowing with "milk and honey." The land as a whole was not overly rich, but compared with the desert through which the Israelites had come—it was a land of springs and fertility and abundance. The spies declared that the cities were fortified, and they described the people like a nation of giants. There was agreement to that point, but then disagreement. Caleb, joined by Joshua, encouraged immediate conquest. The other spies had been overcome with fear. They magnified the dangers and exaggerated the awesome character of the land as one that devoured its inhabitants. Their "evil" report made the difficulties of conquest seemingly insurmountable. In spite of all that Caleb and Joshua could do, the congregation of Israelites panicked, overcome by fear.

Judgment On Unbelief (14:26-32)

The earlier part of this chapter describes the pathetic reaction of the Israelites in frantic despair and moblike rebellion. They wanted to choose another leader and go back to Egypt. God threatened their destruction, to which Moses responded with a moving intercession for mercy toward the people grounded on God's nature of forgiving love and the fulfillment of his purpose in his people. Even so, God revealed to Moses and Aaron his purpose, confirmed by an oath, to bring judgment upon the murmuring, rebellious, unbelieving Israelites. He would not utterly destroy them, but he would let that generation—the people from twenty years of age and up—die in the wilderness. Their children would then possess the land of Canaan.

Truths to Live By
Life is meant to be an experience in conquest. — This truth applies in the realm of personal character: virtues are achieved by the conquest of evil.

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inclinations and sinful habits. It applies in the realm of trade or vocation: skills and competence are achieved by overcoming ignorance and laziness, mistakes and discouragement. It applies in the realm of ministry to other persons: problems and difficulties are overcome by patience and resourcefulness and courage and self-sacrifice. Nobility of life and worthwhile achievement do not come as a matter of course. They call for attacking problems with resolute purpose to find solutions and for the determination of faith to conquer weakness and accomplish God's purpose in one's life.

Fear of failure paralyzes worthy endeavors. — Many people face inspiring opportunities but never grasp them for fear of failure. They imagine a host of difficulties, conceive of all sorts of complications and hindrances, and anticipate the humiliation or loss or suffering of failure. Gradually they decide they are grasshoppers in conflict with giants. Lacking the courage to make mistakes and risk failure, they never try. They offer alibis to themselves, and perhaps to others, for not trying. All the while it is fear of failure which has paralyzed the venture of faith in helping some person, doing an important church assignment, undertaking a business opportunity, or accepting a position of sacred responsibility.

God enables when we trust and strive. — The resources of divine help can be claimed by faith. This does not mean that the "Promised Land" is an automatic inheritance. But it does mean that it can be possessed through the help of God.

Soso Pastor Dies

Rev. John M. Foy Jr., 45, pastor of First Church, Soso, died unexpectedly at Jones County Community Hospital after a brief illness.

He was pastor of Central Baptist Church in Port Neches, Texas and First Baptist Church in Port Sulphur, La. before returning to Soso where previously he was pastor about 12 years ago. Other pastorates include Sanford Church and Union Senior Church in Covington County.

A native of New Orleans, La., Mr. Foy graduated from Clarke College, University of Southern Mississippi, and New Orleans Seminary.

He was a member of Jones County Baptist Association, a member of the Soso Lions Club and a U. S. Army veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held from First Church in Soso with Rev. Charles Hollifield of Natchez officiating. Burial was in Union Line Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ida Lou Coulter Foy, Soso; one daughter, Miss Sylvia Foy, Soso; one son, John M. Foy III, Port Neches, Tex.; his father, Rev. John M. Foy, Sr., Laurel; one brother, Rev. Aaron R. Foy, Coy, Ark., and a sister, Mrs. J. C. Murphy, Charleston, S. C.

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The Disciples' Relationship

Matt. 7:1-12
By Bill Duncan

The disciples live in two spheres. There is a commitment to Christ that calls for faith and love. Then there is the sphere of relationship between those who call themselves disciples. The life of a Christian is in Christ and he does all things as to the Lord, but the human element of relationship must be understood. It would be easy to forget one's relationship to his brother but in the Christian life this is not possible. Our faith must be felt both toward God and our fellow disciples.

THE PROBLEM OF JUDGMENT
The rabbis had warned the people about misjudging people. Jesus took this same idea and produced a warning to the disciples about judging one another. There is hardly anyone who had not suffered from someone else's misjudgment.

There are many reasons why a disciple should not judge another person. As humans we cannot know the whole facts or all the facts. Very often we are biased; in our opinions of others and this makes our judgment anything but impartial. Probably one of the main reasons why we cannot judge another is that we are not good enough to judge any other man. Only the faultless has the right to look for faults in others.

So often the person with the big faults in others to keep attention away from himself. Jesus used as a comparison, a plank from the judge's eye and a speck of dust from the brother's eye. This points out a great deal of difference. "Kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty." Christian love calls for a person to seek the best for the other and in the other.

One reason we should be kind in our judgment is that we shall be judged with the standard of judgment we have toward other people.

THE HIGHEST KIND OF RELATIONSHIP

Many of the statements that Jesus used for discourse in the Sermon on the Mount can be seen in some parallel form from the writing of Jewish thought. But verse 12 is something that had no parallel. "All things which you wish that men should do to you, so do you to them;" this is a new view of life and life's obligation.

This is a positive. We are to do to others what we would have them do to us. We could observe the negative side of this, but this is positive. We are not just to refrain from hurting and injuring people. It is the harder thing to do when we go out of our way to be as kind to them as we would wish them to be to us. We should treat our fellow-man not as the law allows, but as love demands.

The only way we can observe the

positive side is for us to have the love of Christ within our heart. It is only when a man becomes a new man, with a new center to his life, that he can do this. This is when self withers and dies within his heart.

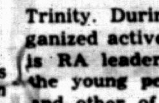
Jesus calls for the highest kind of relationship between the disciple and his fellowman. We can never know the positive side of life from God's point of view until we see things through the eyes of love. The Golden Rule is a common sense statement without which life would have no possible social intercourse that was trustworthy.

Names In The News

Rev. John Alexander, Director of the Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was elected Vice-President of the Baptist Stewardship Development Association meeting in July at Lake Texoma, Kingston, Oklahoma. This was the first meeting of the National Organization of stewardship directors.

He succeeds Charles Peterson of Florida, who became President. The stated purpose of the Association is to develop the professional skills of its members, provide an opportunity for discussion of common interests and problems, and enrich the personal fellowship of its members.

E. J. Tynes was recently ordained into the music and education ministry, by Trinity Church, Philadelphia. Mr. Tynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tynes, Carthage, has attended Clarke College and Mississippi College. He will continue his studies at MC this fall. November will mark his first year as music director at Trinity. During this year he has organized active adult and youth choirs, is RA leader, and has worked with the young people during youth week and other of their activities.



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WorldScripture Distribution Tops 110 Million

LONDON (EP)—A record total of 110,500,000 copies of Scriptures was distributed by world United Bible Societies last year — five million more than in 1967—according to the annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The report was presented by the Rev. John G. Weller, the society's general secretary for overseas, at its second annual "Word in Action" rally.

Reception To Honor Rolling Fork Pastor On 10th Anniversary

August 17 will be the tenth anniversary of Rev. Reese E. Kyzar's service as pastor of First Church, Rolling Fork.

The Church Council has made the following plans to commemorate this service and to honor him and his wife. All present and past church members, as well as friends, are invited to a reception honoring the couple. The reception is to be in the Fellowship Hall of the First Church, August 17, from 2-6 p.m.

The regular evening worship hour will follow the reception at 6:30 p.m.

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Devotional

The Uncertain Frontier And The Future Theology

By Fred Fowler, Pastor, Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur

With the "death of God," the new morality, and the movement away from the church at large a future for theology? With 24% of the conservative clergy, 70% of the liberal clergy, and 90% of the world council of churches clergy rejecting his significance of the Second Coming of Christ, is there a future orthodoxy or even a theology of the future? With moon travel, photographic exploration of Mars, and the chaotic instability of our earth challenging theologians to reassess the apocalyptic sayings of Jesus, will they rise to the challenge or fail in their most glorious hour?

Does man still need God? Does man need to study His Words, His Works, and His Ways? Man has filled the earth with his own presence and his own kind. Man has learned to prolong his own life, with 75% of the prescription drugs sold today developed since World War II, which gives more live births, more old age, and more "changes of hearts" than ever before.



Man has learned to produce abundantly; with 75% of the nylon used in the U. S. produced in one plant employing only 27 men, and all the Jello produced in one plant by 42 men. Man has produced problems in distribution and idleness, but has he produced righteousness that is "good and perfect and acceptable" before God.

Man has developed communications and travel so that he is no longer earthbound! One man walking on the moon can be seen worldwide. Does not this require even less faith to believe that "everyeye shall see Him" when He comes?

Man has mastered the power of levers, pulley, waterfalls, gunpowder gas, and the atom. In Oak Ridge, Tennessee there is a one-inch tube of uranium that has the power of ten train loads of coal, a 200-mile-long train of dynamite, or a 20-megaton bomb, but has man learned that it is "not by power, nor by might, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

What does man lack yet, except what Jesus said to the rich young ruler, "Come, and follow me!" Does not man possess the power to usher in the final age, when... "The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens shall be shaken, and then shall they see the Son of man coming..." says the Word of God. (Mark 13:24-26) Does not this present uncertain frontier demand a more realistic search of God's Word concerning the future?

Cannot man "hit the moon," yet "miss the mark" with God? God said, "Ye shall seek me, and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

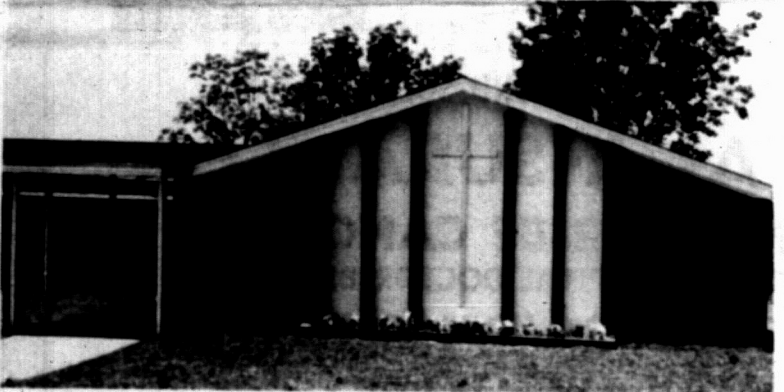
New Bible Not Suppressed In Romania, Society Says

LONDON (EP)—Reports that the authorities in Communist Romania were trying to suppress open distribution of the Bible were denied here by a British Bible authority.

The denial was issued by the Rev. Bernard J. Tidball, European secretary for the British and Foreign Bible Society, who has just returned

from a special fact-finding tour of Romania, which President Nixon of the U.S. will visit soon.

Mr. Tidball said his tour was the result of "rumors circulated in Britain and America" in connection with a project whereby the United Bible Societies last year spent \$74,400 in providing paper and ink from Britain for the production of 100,000 Romanian Orthodox Bibles in Bucharest.



First, Lyman, Dedicates New Building

Rev. Tom Douglas, manager of Gulfshore Assembly, was the speaker on July 20, for the dedication of First Church, Lyman.

Special music was presented by the church choir under the direction of James Moore, minister of music. Open house and refreshments were held following the dedication.

This beautiful new building located on Old Highway 49 at Lyman will seat 250 people. The interior design features birch paneling and oak pews. The birch paneling surrounds the choir area with the baptistry behind the choir.

The contemporary structure houses both the auditorium and Sunday school space and has white stained

glass windows with central air-conditioning and heating. James W. McCleskey, Jr., of Hattiesburg, was the architect, and H. Gordon Myrick, of Gulfport, the general contractor.

Members of the building committee are: Marvin Green, Chairman, Paul Workman, R. M. Bradley, Woodward Wilson, Floyd Davis, Howard Ward, Hubert Purser, Milton Cleveland, B. B. Hatten, Russell Lott, Jack Lee, Wayne Turan, James Scott, Earl Scarbrough, Roy Peterman, Monroe Stewart and Mmes. Jack Frost and Monroe Stewart. Rev. Wade Allen is pastor.

Early records are not complete, but the church was organized about 1917. The new edifice is the third building and location for the church.



GIRLS participating are pictured, l to r: Evelyn Winstead, Denise Stephenson, Sarah Williams, Connie Winstead, and not pictured: Frankie Drummons, Lori Sperier, Nancy Hughes, and Cathy Hughes, all of Pass Christian. Rev. Thomas Ayo is pictured, standing.

Girl Scouts To Work On God And Community Award

These Girl Scouts, pictured above, are launching out on a task which will take them a whole year to complete, the God and Community Award, which will be under the supervision of Rev. Thomas Ayo, pastor of First Church, Pass Christian, and Mrs. Jerrald Winstead, their Scout Leader.

The God and Community Award was developed in 1962 by the United

Church Women of Kansas City, Mo. First For the Girl Scouts, then Camp Fire Girls, were included.

The program, designed for the strengthening of the girls' spiritual life, is divided into three stages; in each stage the girls are required to give thirty hours of service in their own church, totaling ninety hours throughout the year.



Paul Church (Tallahatchie): August 17-22; Rev. Jimmy McHann, interim pastor; Rev. Sherman Barnette of Sabaugla, Calhoun Association, and Clarke College, evangelist; Marie Cox of Sobeys and Blue Mountain College, in charge of music; (August 17 will be homecoming day; basket dinner will be served in the air-conditioned kitchen; former pastors, members, friends are invited; there will be group singing during the afternoon); services during the week at 7:30 p.m.

Hepzibah Church (Jeff Davis): August 17-22; services at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, after dinner on the ground, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during the week; Rev. V. C. Windham, Hattiesburg, (pictured), evangelist; Rev. James Messer, pastor; recognition of former pastors, testimonies, offering for cemetery, and church history (since 1819) read Sunday 17th at 2 p.m. service.



Union, Crosby: August 17-22; Rev. Carey Wicker, evangelist, with his son as minister of music; evening services Monday - Friday at 7:30; homecoming day Sunday; morning message by the pastor, Rev. Ted Long, basket lunch at noon, and song service at 1 p.m.

Plantersville (Lee): August 24-29; Rev. James Fancher, pastor, First, Aberdeen, evangelist; Don Moore, minister of music, First, Aberdeen, singer; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Brooks Lindsey, pastor.

Priceville Church (Tupelo): August 17-22; Rev. Horace Thomas, pastor, Trinity Church, Fulton, evangelist; services daily at 10:30 and 7:30 p.m.; music under direction of W. D. Richardson; Mrs. W. D. Richardson, pianist; Mrs. Vane Clingan, organist; Rev. M. L. Swinney, pastor.

Revival Dates

Harmony (Union County): August 10-15; services daily at 10:30 and 8; Rev. Wayne Gullett, pastor; Macedonia, Lee County, evangelist; Wayne Pannell, song leader; Rev. Enoch Purvis, pastor.

West Ellisville Church, Ellisville: August 25-31; Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor of First Church, Wiggins, evangelist; Bill Benson, Minister of Music and Youth at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, singer; services 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Ed Gandy, pastor.

New Hope (Lauderdale): August 17-22; Rev. Robert L. Sheffield, pastor, Southside Church, Meridian, evangelist; Russell Bishop, Minister of Music, Poplar Springs Church, Meridian, singer; Dr. John E. Barrow, pastor.

Big Level Church, Wiggins: August 18-24; services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Bryce Evans (pictured), Agricola Church, Agricola, evangelist; Gary Breland, music director; Rev. David Perry, pastor.

Bellevue (Lamar): August 10-15; Rev. Russell Harris, Good Hope Church, Purvis, evangelist; Willard Davis, music director; dinner on the grounds following the Sunday morning service; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James Yates, pastor.

Sunshine Church (Rankin): August 17-22; Rev. Larry Hendricks, Yazoo City, student at Mississippi College, evangelist; Rev. Larry Glass, pastor of Andrew Chapel Church, in charge of music; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Vance H. Dyess, pastor.

South McComb Church: August 21-24; youth-led revival; "We Three Kings," youth revival team of Louisiana College, leading; Rev. David Millican, pastor.

Parkway, Kosciusko: August 24-31; Rev. Bennie Hindman, Central Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas, evangelist; J. B. Betts, Indianola, music evangelist; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billy R. Williams, pastor.

First, Mathiston: August 17-22; Rev. Jerry Wise, pastor, First Church, Fayette, evangelist; Rev. Bryan Sherman, pastor of Central Grove Church, Maben, singer; services at 10 a.m. and

7:30 p.m.; Rev. James E. Drane, pastor.

Madison Church, Madison: Aug. 17-22; Dr. Clyde T. Francisco (pictured) professor, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Cecil



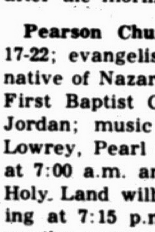
Harper, music director, First Church, Jackson, singer; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; weekday services 10:30 and 8 p.m. (Dr. Francisco will be teaching from the book of Job in the morning services); Rev. Billy McKay, pastor.

New Prospect (Lafayette): August 17-24; Rev. Maurice Pinkston, pastor of Macon Road Church, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Jim Amos, law student at University of Mississippi, singer; Rev. Charles L. Fowler, pastor; regular services on Sunday; during week at 8 p.m.

Oakland Heights, Meridian: August 17-22; Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor, Braxton Church, evangelist; Dennis McCoy, Minister of Music and Youth Oakland Heights, singer; Rev. John G. Brock, pastor. Homecoming Sunday Aug. 17; dinner at the church each day at noon; services Daily 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Park Hill Church, Jackson: Aug. 17-22; Rev. James Birch, pastor Westside Church, Hazlehurst, evangelist; Jake Heard, Westside Church, Hazlehurst, singer; services 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Johnny Gipson, pastor.

New Palestine, (Picayune): August 17-24; services at 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billie K. Friel, pictured, interim pastor at Port Sulphur Church, Louisiana evangelist; David Whaley, music director; Rev. Oscar S. Whitescarver, pastor. Dinner on the grounds scheduled after the morning service, August 17.



Pearson Church (Rankin): August 17-22; evangelist, Rev. Anis Shorosh, native of Nazareth, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Jerusalem, Jordan; music director, Rev. Elmer Lowrey, Pearl Church; services daily at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; slides of Holy Land will be shown each evening at 7:15 p.m.; Rev. Arnold Noyworth, pastor.

Robinson (Rankin): August 18-24; Rev. Joe Thompson, pastor of Bellaire Church, Dermott, Arkansas, evangelist; weekday services 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. D. Hughes, pastor.

Oak Grove (Holmes) August 25-29; Rev. Ray Garrison, Phillipston Church, Sidon, evangelist; Rev. Tommy Bruce, pastor; services at 7:30, night only.

McAdams Church (Attala): August 17-22; Rev. G. C. "Bill" Cox, (pictured) former pastor of Hillcrest, Jackson, and Oak Park, New Orleans, evangelist; Welton Madden, minister of music at First Church, Carthage, singer; Rev. H. C. Adams, pastor; services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.



Corinth (Leake): August 17-24; Rev. David Wilkinson, new pastor, evangelist; Cris Poole, song leader; services 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; services Friday through Sunday (Aug. 22-24) will be youth-led.

First Church, Mt. Olive, (Covington): laymen-led Revival; Aug. 18-24; led by Dr. Russell Bush and other laymen from First Church, Columbia; week-night services 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Marvin Graham, Brotherhood president; Rev. Jerry Slonaker, pastor.

Amaziah Church (Union): August 17-22; Sunday School 10:00. Preaching, 11:00; Night Services—7:30; Rev. Dayel Copes of Derma, Calhoun County, evangelist; Rev. G. L. Gullett, pastor.

Lawrence, (Newton County) August 17-22; Rev. Kermit Sharp, evangelist. Week day services at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Music directors: Marion Felton and Linda Willis.

Deacon At Ethel Dies

Charlie A. Johnson, deacon at Ethel Church, Ethel, for 45 years, died recently. He had served most of his life as a rural mail carrier, and was a member of the Ethel Church for more than sixty years.

His parents were charter members of that church when it was organized in 1897.

The church, Rev. Aaron Lewis, pastor, has adopted a resolution of appreciation for the dedicated life of Mr. Johnson, who was "a faithful Christian husband and father" and "faithful steward of the material possessions entrusted to him."



State Men Graduate From New Orleans Seminary

Eight from Mississippi were among 41 graduates who received degrees in summer commencement exercises August 1, at New Orleans Seminary. Those receiving the degree Master of Theology Honors Program were: Cecil G. Clegg, Ellisville; John Lester Hawkins, Liberty; Jackie R. McComb, Mathiston; and Edgar Lee Wright, Meridian. James Her-

man Pilgrim of Collinsville received the Diploma in Theology. James E. Johnson of Kosciusko received the degree Master of Religious Education. Ralph Edward Simmons, Jr. of Morton, and James Ralph Thomason of Aberdeen received the degree Master of Church Music.

Missionary's Body Found In His Boat

SYDNEY (EP)—The body of an old man of the sea—a missionary who worked alone, bringing the Gospel to remote Pacific islanders, has been found in his wrecked boat.

He is Rev. Derek Watts, 82, an Anglican minister, who sailed his trimaran out from Suva, Fiji for Sydney on April 25 to have the boat's auxiliary engine repaired.

Arm Calls Pastor

Rev. Tommy Morgan has accepted the call to Arm Church, near Silver Creek. He moved there from Gilbertown Church, Gilbertown, Alabama.

Mr. Morgan graduated from Norman Junior College, Norman Park, Ga., and William Carey College, Meriton of Georgia. They have two daughters, Jenny Lynn, 13, and Janet Carol, 10, and a son, Andy, 12.

Mr. Morgan's former pastorates include China Grove, Mt. Olive, Pine Grove, New Hope, and Pine View, all in Georgia. He plans to enroll in New Orleans Seminary this fall.



Siler. They both will be long remembered and loved by the New Hebron Church. Mr. Siler was never absent a Sunday for over fourteen years. He and Mrs. Siler faithfully visited the sick and the bereaved of the whole community, not just the local congregation. As a final token of love, the church will send the Silers, in a few days, a photograph album filled with highlights of their New Hebron ministry.



Rev. and Mrs. J. W. T. Siler receive the key to a new Chevrolet, which the New Hebron Church gave them. Clyde Damper, at right, is making the presentation.

Numerous parties and suppers were given in their honor by various church organizations. Many beautiful gifts were presented by the organizations of the church.

During Mr. Siler's years at New Hebron, Cooperative Program donations were increased from 15 to 20 per cent of the collections. The church has reported for eleven of those years a 10 per cent increase in gifts for missions over the previous year. The entire church facility was centrally air-conditioned in 1957. Last year a new \$27,000, 2800-square foot, brick, four-bedroom parsonage was completed.

The Training Union has nearly doubled in size and has entered the Honor Program. The W.M.S. has increased from one, to three circles. A new sound system was added to the sanctuary in 1965. The church budget has increased 100 per cent since 1965. In 1966, a full-time music director was hired and choir robes were purchased for the adult choir. During the entire period the church remained fully free of debt.

Rev. and Mrs. Siler are now living in retirement in Lexington, Kentucky with their daughter, Miss Margaret



Crowder To Construct Education Unit

Crowder Church, Quitman Association, broke ground July 13 for a two-story educational unit which will provide for pre-school children and children six through twelve, as well as a fellowship hall, kitchen, church office, and restrooms. The \$57,000 contract went to Big Three Lumber Company, Marks. Top photo, l to r: the Building Planning Committee: Mrs. James Roy Waller, Jr., Mrs. Harold W. Bailey, Mrs. E. F. Cooke, Earl Whitley, Laverne Dancy, chairman, Paul Calvert, and Agnew Austin. Bottom photo, l to r: improving the first spade of dirt: W. L. Turner, chairman of the Finance Committee; L. W. Gee, building foreman of the construction crew; Laverne Dancy, chairman of the planning Committee; Wilson Edmondson contractor; and Rev. Charles Stubblefield, pastor.